Treasury Department, P Washington, D. C., Warch 3, 1882. a. London Snowden, Esq.
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if you consider the results sufficiently grave to support as strongly as you can the representations herein set Jorch." I am clearly of the opinion that as this work was performed at your request, payment for the services should be made from your appropriation for contingent expenses and I return the vouchers of Mr. Briggs herewith. I would add that at the time this matter was bright to the attention of the Supervising architect in July last, he verbally stated that the payment for the services of the expert whom the Mcarthur requested authority to employ to make the examination must be made from the appropriation for the expenses of the Philadelphia minh. Very respectfully, Howholdbuchond Werecla.

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Treasury Department, Bureau of the Mint, Washington, D.C., March 3, 1882

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq. Supt. U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: -

I have received your letter of the 1st instant returning the duplicate receipted bills of Robert Briggs for services rendered in examining the Mint building and reporting what changes are necessary to properly heat and ventilated the same.

I find that this service was rendered upon a request made by you under date of July 23, 1881, to John McArthur, Superintendent of Repairs at Philadelphia as follows:

"Under these circumstances, I would request you to cause a proper examination to be made of the apparatus for heating and ventilating and if you consider the results sufficiently grave, to support as strongly as you can the representations herein set forth."

I am clearly of the opinion that as this work was performed at your request, payment for the services should be made from your appropriation for contingent expenses and I return the vouchers of Mr. Briggs herewith. I would add that at the time this matter was brought to the attention of the Supervising Architect in July last, he verbally stated that the payment for the services of the expert whom Mr. McArthur requested authority to employ to make the examination must be made from the appropriation for the expenses of the Philadelphia Mint.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard Director.

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[Enclosed form:]

(Supervising Architect's Office – Form 2 B.)

The United States, To Robert Briggs, Dr.

On account of the Appropriation for "Heating, Hoisting, & Ventilating Apparatus, for Public Buildings, 1882."

Date.	Designation.	Application.	Amount.	Amount.
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Received the Services Herein Enumerated, A. Loudon Snowden, Sup't.

Authorized by Department letter dated August 8th, 1881.

I certify that the articles above enumerated have been received and the services performed; that they were necessary for, and have been, or will be, applied to the construction of the as stated; and that the prices paid were just and reasonable.
Correct:
Approved:
John McArthur L.
Supt. of Repairs
Received this day of, 1882, from, Disbursing, the sum of Forty Dollars, in full payment of the above account.
\$40.00
(Signed in Duplicate.) Robt. Briggs
Paid by check on, No, dated, 188
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